



GAME NOTES

Vernon Vipers
at
Wenatchee Wild

Saturday March 30, 2019

7:05 pm

BCHL INTERIOR CONFERENCE FINAL – Game 1



This evening the #3 seed Wenatchee Wild meet the #4 seed Vernon Vipers in Game 1 of the BCHL Interior Conference Finals. The series will follow a 2-2-1-1-1 format, with the Wild holding home ice advantage as the higher seed.

HEAD TO HEAD (REG. SEASON): The Wild went 3-2-1 head-to-head with the Vipers in the regular season. Each team won twice on the road. All-time, Wenatchee is 11-5-1-1 against Vernon, and 4-2-2 at home. The Wild finished 7 points ahead of the Vipers this season.

POSTSEASON HISTORY: The two teams have met once in the postseason, and that was last season in the second round. Vernon won the first two games on home ice, and the Wild came back to win four straight, the last two coming in overtime.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Wild captain **Lucas Sowder** (9g, 11a) continues to lead the entire BCHL in scoring this postseason, while **Murphy Stratton** (5g, 11a) and **PJ Fletcher** (5g, 6a) rank in the top 16. The Vipers are led by their captain, Jagger Williamson (4g, 10a), Jesse Lansdell (4g, 7a), Matt Kowalski (5g, 4a), and Michael Young (3g, 6a).

GOALTENDING: Veteran netminder **Austin Park** has a 7-2 postseason record, with a 2.71 GAA and .889 save percentage. Vipers goalie Aiden Porter is 8-4 in the playoffs, with a 2.46 GAA and .904 save percentage.

SPECIAL TEAMS:	WEN PP – 10/45	22.2%	3rd	WEN PK – 5/31	83.9%	6th
(POSTSEASON)	VER PP – 7/33	21.2%	5th	VER PK – 6/42	85.7%	4th

PLAYOFF PATH: Wenatchee advanced to the second round after defeating West Kelowna in seven games, and Cowichan Valley in six games. Vernon advanced by eliminating Salmon Arm in five games, and Trail in seven games.

MOVING ON: Following Sunday's Game 2, the series shifts to Kal Tire Place in Vernon, BC for Games 3 and 4 on Tuesday and Wednesday. If required, Games 5 and 7 would be in Wenatchee, with Game 6 back in Vernon.

BCHL TONIGHT: The Coastal Conference Final series plays Game 2 tonight in Prince George, as the Victoria Grizzlies look to draw even in the series after the Spruce Kings took a 1-0 series lead with a 4-2 win last night. The winner of that series will face the winner of the Wenatchee / Vernon series in the Fred Page Cup Finals.

MEDIA: Tonight's game will be aired locally on "NewsRadio 560 KPQ" and streamed free world wide, and also available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

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				**Games 5 & 7 if necessary	
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